

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-10 and 13 are pending in this application. No claims are amended. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Entry of Amendment After Final

Applicants request entry of this Amendment after Final in that the amendments made to the claims have been made only to cancel the remaining rejected claims, and **do not raise new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.**

Allowed Claims

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-10 and 13 are allowed. Claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the present application pass to allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending objections and rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

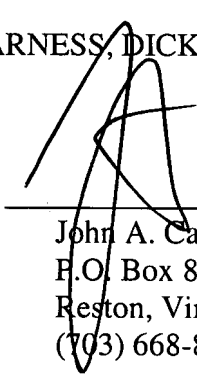
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Erin G. Hoffman, Reg. No. 57,752, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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